## **NATURES TALES**

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## Super Successful Garage Sale!

After a wonderful, busy season, our Winter Texan family started talking of returning to their homes up North. With that, many realized that they had items that they did not want to take home with them. What to do? Of course, the answer is "Have a Garage Sale!" Items for sale were deposited on Bill and Sandy's site, and a team of volunteers gathered to price everything. What happened next was a complete surprise. As various people walked around the park they saw all the items priced and ready for the sale the following day - and this, apparently, was too much temptation for those addicted to shopping. Many found an item or two that they just couldn't do without. So, although it wasn't planned that way, the Garage Sale started a day early IN the park, and a total of \$238 was collected.

The following morning, Natures volunteering spirit was again in evidence as an army of people arrived at #51 to transport all the sale items to Monte Cristo Road. Before you could blink an eye, everything had been loaded up, taken up to the road and set up on tables. With a steady flow of people stopping, looking and buying, almost everything was sold by early afternoon. The few remaining items were bundled up and given to the needy family that Natures is sponsoring. The grand total for

the garage sale was a whopping \$892.85 which will go in its entirety to the Fun Association.

As always, a huge thank you goes to everyone who helped to make this event such a success. If you donated items, helped sort and price, purchased any items, transported items to Monte Cristo Road, helped with the selling, helped with the cleanup, handled all the money, or took the remaining items to our Natures family, we thank you! Without ALL of you this event could not have been such a huge success, would have been a LOT of work for a few, and certainly wouldn't have been half as much fun!

Another garage sale is planned for the fall.

## Let there be light!

Natures has always been one of the most difficult places to find, if you didn't know exactly where we are located. When Bill created the new entrance not only did it enhance the driveway, but it also made it easier for people to find us. However, at night even WE would on occasion drive right past it. The solution: A street light!

First we had to rent a Ditch Witch to dig the trench for the electric cable. The big question is: "How many men does it take to run the Ditch Witch? In the learning process, it was discovered that if someone sat on the front end of the Ditch Witch it helped it to dig down.

Many thanks to all who helped with this project: Denny, Bill D, and Richard for running the Ditch Witch, and Doug for superbly "sitting down on the job".

Once the trench was dug, Denny and Bill D, with the help of the backhoe, set the pole upright, wired the light to it, laid the cable in the ditch and finally covered it all up. David connected the electric at the power source, and "there was light, and it was good!"

## Tidbits from Natures Cat, Speckles!

Most of our Winter Texan family has returned to their northern homes and it is very quiet here. However, it is NOT dull! There are always things going on, so it is a good thing that I'm here all year to report on everything!

- Dixie, #35 traded in her 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, and bought a beautiful new house. It was delivered in April, and Dixie is all settled in her new home.
- I forgot to mention last time that Ken and Janet donated a citrus tree to the orchard. Thank you Ken and Janet, and also thank you to everyone who has been helping with watering the new trees as well as the plants around the pool.
- I saw all the people who were still in the park in April having a great time at the lemonade and popcorn get together
- Here's a hint Jim #50 asked me to share with you.... To get tire marks off your cement, wet it, sprinkle with baking soda, scrub with a stiff brush, and like magic, the marks are gone!
- Here is some spicy news. I caught Misty STEALING some iceplant from around Dave and Evie's tree!!!!! It does look nice in front of her house though.
- Some of our Winter Texan family cleaned out and defrosted all the fridges and freezers before they left. That was very nice of them.
- I couldn't understand why Toni keeps singing "I can see clearly now", but someone explained to me that she had successful CAT-aract surgery. Does this mean that she will purr now?